

RIO DELL CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 3, 2009
MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Rio Dell City Council was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor Woodall.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Woodall, Councilmembers Barsanti, Dunker, Marks, and Thompson

Others Present: City Manager Flemming, Chief of Police Hill, Finance Director Beauchaine, and City Clerk Dunham

Absent: Acting Director of Public Works Jensen

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Woodall announced the City Council would be adjourning to closed session to discuss: *Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager*, and asked for public comment. There being no public comment, the council adjourned to closed session at 5:32 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:40 P.M. Mayor Woodall announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Marks made a correction to the February 3, 2009 minutes to strike the first sentence on page 7 stating that she did not recall making that statement.

Councilmember Thompson referred to the Bank of America credit card statement submitted with the check register and noted that under the "Business Worldpoints Rewards Summary" that 66,643 points had been earned and asked if it could be applied to in-house travel; Finance Director Beauchaine stated it could be used for numerous things including airfare.

Motion was made by Dunker/Marks to approve the consent calendar including the minutes of the July 25, 2008 special meeting; the minutes of the December 2, 2008 study session; the minutes of the December 2, 2008 regular meeting; the minutes of the February 3, 2009 regular meeting (as amended); the minutes of the February 3, 2009 CDBG Loan Advisory Committee meeting; and the check register including the General Check Register for check numbers 26812-26869 totaling \$111,585.51. Motion carried 5-0; with Councilmember Thompson abstaining

from vote on the February 3, 2009 minutes and Councilmember Barsanti abstaining from vote on all of the minutes.

ORDINANCES/SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

Approve Resolution No. 1039-2009 Authorizing the City Manager to Approve the Ground Lease Agreement with Omnipoint Communications, Inc.

City Manager Flemming stated that we currently have a lease agreement with US Cellular for the cell tower and was now looking for authorization to negotiate a ground lease agreement with T-mobile at \$900.00 per month.

Councilmember Barsanti asked if they would be using the existing cell tower site; City Manager Flemming explained they would be placing a small structure on a concrete pad on site and that it would not interfere with the City's equipment.

Motion Marks/Thompson to authorize the City Manager to approve the Ground lease Agreement with Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Trudy Barton, 5 Painter St. said she would like to comment on the treatment of a member of the public that was turned away in the rain due to the council chambers doors being locked for a closed session and said it seems like the city council could have closed sessions in an alternate location within City Hall. She also commented that the last time she spoke at a council meeting Rich Ghilarducci was Mayor and he told her she was only allowed to speak three times during a meeting; Councilmember Dunker clarified that it was actually a three minute time limit for each speaker under public presentations. She also asked why there were no recycling containers outside of City Hall; staff directed her attention to the new recycling containers at the bottom of City Hall steps.

REPORTS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Flemming reported on recent events and meetings and said she was happy to announce that we were missed by this evenings meteorite ; the County Board of Supervisors approved the City Tax Share Agreement; and summarized the report presented by the public works department on the installation of the new street signs. Also submitted from Acting Director of Public Works Jensen was a draft fuel card usage policy for the public works department.

Finance Beauchaine reported on recent activities in the finance department stating it had been a very busy past two weeks with the mid -year budget review and adjustments stating she was

prepared to schedule a study session with the Council to review the mid-year budget. She stated she was in Ukiah today attended Home training where a round table discussion was held with recipients of the Home Program to discuss the program and to give them the opportunity to talk to representatives. She said representatives from the County as well as the City of Eureka and Arcata were present adding that she was looking forward to the program getting up and running.

Chief of Police Hill reported on recent activities in the police department stating that an officer was injured while attempting to make an arrest but she was now back to work and doing fine. He thanked two citizens who came to her aid and helped get the suspect in custody. He said Awards of Appreciation would be forthcoming.

COUNCIL REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Marks questioned Finance Director Beauchaine about the check to Accufund for \$5,735; Stephanie explained that it was for maintenance fees including the annual license and tech support. She also stated that she still wanted a report on employee coverage for cell phone usage.

A study session for the mid-year budget review was scheduled for March 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Woodall announced the council would be adjourning to closed session to continue discussion of *Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager* and asked for public comment. There being no public comment, the Council adjourned to closed session at 7:10 P.M.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:15 P.M. Mayor Woodall announced there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M. to the March 10, 2009 Study Session.

Julie Woodall, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Dunham, City Clerk